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The airport celebrated the 55th year with the name of her majesty Queen Beatrix



On October 22, 2010 it was exactly 55 years ago that the airport of Aruba received the name of her majesty Princess Beatrix (back then) which later became Queen Beatrix.

Aruba Airport Authority N.V. didn't want the date to pass without commemorating this very special day and

as Aruba has an international airport within the Dutch Kingdom, passengers who visited the airport in the morning hours of October 22, were pleasantly surprised with a treat, the export product no. 1 of the Dutch Kingdom, Dutch Baby Belle cheese.

Jerusalem's Old City goes pink for breast cancer

JERUSALEM, Israel (AFP) - Jerusalem's historic Old City walls were lit up bright pink yesterday evening, marking the launch of a breast cancer awareness campaign in Israel.

The wife of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Sara, and Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat flipped a switch, turning the massive fortifications from their traditional golden hue to a deep pink.

Amazing Sunsets on Aruba



The Morning News received this beautiful sunset photo from Mr. Anthony Harding, of Stoke on Trent, England. Mr. Harding is vacationing at the Occidental Grand Aruba on Palm Beach, and was lucky to capture the perfect Aruban sunset from the balcony. Anthony is now starting out in photography and snapped this shot with a Canon EOS 450D, using a Polaroid filter. Congrats Anthony, you are on the right track and good luck!

Key Amazon river at record low levels

Photo shows a boat sitting at the dry Rio Negro river in Manaus, Brazil. The Black river, one of the Amazon river's largest tributaries, registered historic drought levels last weekend, which could affect thousands of fishing communities in the region.

According to Brazilian civil defense officials, the depth of the Black river dropped by six centimeters

Due to a drought caused by the El Nino climate phenomenon, the Negro river hit its lowest level in a century



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WHO: Expect cholera cases in Haiti for years to come

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The cholera outbreak that has claimed hundreds of lives in Haiti could continue for years, an official from the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) warned yesterday.

"Now that cholera has established itself with a strong foothold in Haiti, it's clear to us that this will not go away for several years," Jon Andrus, deputy director of PAHO, the regional branch of the World Health Organization, said.

"The surge of cases will come down but there will probably be cases in the future, now that the bacteria is well established in the environment."

Health authorities and aid agencies have to "plan that way, mobilize resources, and develop capacity that in the long run will help the Haitian people," said Andrus.

Haitian health officials said earlier yesterday that the number of new deaths from cholera had dropped off dramatically, falling from 220 over the first few days, to 33 on Sunday and just six yesterday.

They have suggested that the outbreak, which comes 10 months after Haiti was devastated by an earthquake, had been contained outside the capital as the number of fatalities and new infections began to taper off.

But a PAHO official told AFP yesterday it was too early to declare the epidemic in Haiti over, and refused to be drawn on whether the outbreak had been contained.

"I think it is too early to tell" if this is the end of the epidemic, Daniel Epstein said. "The pattern of the outbreak is very difficult, if not impossible, to predict."

"The most important thing now is not counting numbers

but treating people, which is really simple, it's all rehydration salts in 80 percent of the cases," he said.

International aid agencies are fighting to stop cholera reaching tent cities in the capital where 1.3 million people displaced by January's earthquake subsist in unsanitary conditions.

"We have teams there and we are sending more people including epidemiologists with experience in cholera," said Epstein.

Cholera is primarily passed on through contaminated water or food. Characteristic symptoms include severe vomiting and diarrhea and if patients become dehydrated it can kill in a matter of hours.

Large parts of the capital Port-au-Prince and other nearby towns were flattened by January's 7.0-magnitude quake and a quarter of a million people lost their lives.

Dutch aid worker abducted in Afghanistan

KUNDUZ, Afghanistan (AFP) - Gunmen kidnapped a Dutch aid worker and his Afghan driver yesterday in the increasingly volatile north of Afghanistan, local officials said.

"A Dutch aid worker working for an NGO (non-governmental organisation) that helps the disabled was abducted today in Khan Abad district," Faiz Mohammad Tawhidi, Takhar provincial spokesman, told AFP.

The abducted pair were travelling in a private car to neighbouring Kunduz province when they were stopped by armed men and snatched at gunpoint, an Afghan intelligence official told AFP on condition of anonymity.

The Dutch government

later confirmed that gunmen had kidnapped one of its citizens and his Afghan driver.

"I can confirm that a Dutch man and his Afghan driver were abducted in northern Afghanistan today," foreign affairs ministry spokesman Christoph Prommersberger told AFP in The Hague.

Prommersberger said the Dutch embassy in Kabul was in contact with Afghan authorities. "Where necessary and possible, we will support Afghanistan in bringing this matter to a positive conclusion."

Prommersberger could not confirm reports that the man worked for a Dutch NGO, nor would he give his name or "any personal information."

Reggae star Gregory Isaacs dies

LONDON, England (AFP) - JaReggae star Gregory Isaacs diesmaican reggae star Gregory Isaacs, best known for the 1982 song "Night Nurse," has died at his London home, aged 59, his wife said yesterday.

Isaacs, who released some 500 albums and worked with the likes of Lee "Scratch" Perry and King Tubby, had lung cancer.

"Gregory was well-loved by everyone, his fans and his family, and he worked really hard to make sure he delivered the music they loved and enjoyed," his wife Linda said, in comments cited by the BBC.

"He will be greatly missed by his family and friends."

"Night Nurse" was



Gregory Isaacs

recorded at Bob Marley's studios in Kingston. The song was later covered by Simply Red featuring Sly and Robbie in 1997.

Nicknamed The Cool Ruler by fans, Isaacs was a heavy drug user for periods of his career. He recorded his final album in 2008.

EU to explore better ties with Cuba

LUXEMBOURG (AFP) - The EU's top diplomat Catherine Ashton will explore a possible softening of the bloc's stance towards Cuba following its release of dissidents and economic reforms, officials said yesterday.

Ashton was given a mandate by foreign ministers of the 27-nation European Union meeting in Luxembourg "to start a reflection period," exploring ways of improving relations with Cuba, a statement said.

Appointed the EU's high representative for foreign and security policy last December, the English baroness was asked "to take soundings with Cuba on the way forward and report back as soon as possible," it added.

A source said she is to finalise the mission ahead of the EU's December summit.

Spain's Socialist government has long argued in favour of the EU moving towards nor-

malisation of ties with Cuba, saying a shift would help accelerate change on the island led by the Castro brothers since 1959.

Diplomats said Spain's newly-appointed foreign minister, Trinidad Jimenez, had made an impassioned plea to improve Brussels-Havana ties at yesterday's meeting which moved her counterparts.

Madrid previously faced objections to improving ties with Cuba from Germany, Sweden, as well as former communist bloc nations Poland and the Czech Republic.

They were opposed to change in the EU's "common position," a 1996 stand calling for Cuba to make progress on human rights and democracy before ties are normalised.

Last week, however, the EU welcomed Cuba's decision to free more political prisoners while urging Havana to go further.

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Interesting lectures and presentations by Mr. and Mrs. Hannewijk

Sport educators working with children with communication disorder

ORANJESTAD -- Aruba Autism Foundation, F.A.A. announces that from October 25 to 29 two sports educators, Alex and Dina Hannewijk from the Netherlands are on Aruba. They will work with sports educators and trainers, stimulating them to include children with communication disorders in their sports activities groups. The Aruba Autism Foundation (F.A.A.) made a plan for the whole week during which the Hannewijks will make visits and give presentations and demonstrations on our island.

The initiative comes from Mr. Ton Smeets, which the supports of F.A.A.

One of the presentations is lecture at the Aruba Pedagogic Institute (IPA) on Friday, October 29. The topic is Sport & Beweging op Maat, (Precise Sports and Movement). It is about sports education at schools where autistic students or children with communication disorders can participate. All sports educators and coaches are invited to join IPA students in this interesting lecture, which starts at 9:00 a.m.

The Hannewijk couple will also give a presentation on October 28 at the office of

the Aruba Autism Foundation; from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. Entrance is free

On October 29, at 5:30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Hannewijk will give a demonstration at the SVGA gym hall on the different techniques that are used in the Netherlands. During the demonstration there will be an "outdoor activities" with the aide of equipments of the Marine Camp. The F.A.A. and the Fundacion Movimiento di Bida invites everyone and autistic children and persons with communication disorder to come and participate in this activity which will end at 7:00 p.m. with a BBQ. Parents, teachers, and coaches are also invited to this demonstration

For any information regarding presentations and inscription to the demonstration, readers may contact the Aruba Autism Foundation at tel. 588-1179 between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The F.A.A. urges everyone affiliated to sports, parents of children with communication disorders and everyone else interested, to make good use of this opportunity.

The weekly Bon Bini Festival is tonight!

ORANJESTAD -- The weekly Bon Bini festival takes place tonight at the Fort Zoutman in Wilhelminstraat. The festival is for tourists and locals to mix and mingle and enjoy a taste of Aruban culture

This weeks the festival will feature the traditional Aruban Caha d'Orgel. "Nos Ana Rosa," musical group; "Pegasaya," Dance groups: "Kids in Action," and "Masiduri," solo singer: "Vale Croes," and steel band: "Traditional Steelband."

MC is Juby Naar

During the festival there will be local food, sweets and handicraft on sale.

Arubus has regularly scheduled bus transport from all hotel areas to Oranjestad's central terminal, which is only a short walk from Fort Zoutman. Round trip bus fare is US\$2.30.

Come, meet the islands, absorb some local color and culture, and get a taste of our Dushi Aruba.

The festival is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Entrance is 5 Aruban florins or US\$3.

The LORD is my Shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters.

Psalm 23

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Please accept our apologies if in our sorrow we have omitted anyone.

Condolences at 19:30 until 21:00 **Tuesday 26th of October 2010**, at Ad Patres in San Nicolas.

Funeral will take place on Wednesday 27th of October 2010. The body of the late Ms Ennis Telesford will be laid out, from 2-4 p.m. at the kingdom hall of Jehovah's Witness in San Nicolas, Pastoor Hendrikstraat 106.

The funeral service will take place at 4 p.m. The body will be laid to rest at the public cemetery in San Nicolas.

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Please let there be no more

By: Roland W. Peterson

Dedicated to those who fought gallantly but did not succeed in the battle against breast cancer

As she pressed her dry
Lips on the forehead
With her trembling hand
She softly caressed the cold face

A face that is more beautiful
Than all the roses that surround her

It is quiet
All that's heard is the softly sobbing
Sobbing of an elderly mother
Saying farewell to her daughter



As she lay there
There was a look of tranquility
On her face
Silently a tear fell from a wrinkled cheek
Onto a rose
A rose that was cut in the prime of its bloom
Never would this rose bloom again
But her battle was fought gallantly until the end

As I gazed at this beautiful but sad scene
My thoughts drifted back
I was picturing all those faces
Faces of young and elderly women that passed on
Women in their prime
Women who lost the battle
Against the dreadful breast cancer

As I stood with my silent emotion
There was a lump in my throat
The elderly mother fell to her knees and whispered softly

Dear Lord it's me again
Don't be mad
Forgive me for knocking on your door
It's you I turn to when I am sad
It's a burden we can't carry any more

Dear Lord, actually I don't
Know what to say
But please, please Lord
Protect and guide them
Keep them out of harm's way
Please Lord let there be a cure
I know you can for sure

The church bells started to ring
The choir started to sing
They carried her through the door
Please Lord, "please let there be no more".

Free health fair held by medical students of All Saints University of Medicine



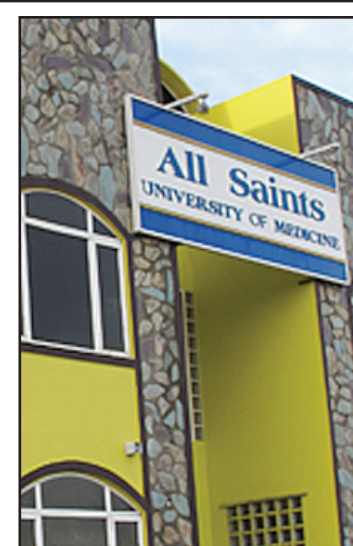
Last Saturday, All Saints University of Medicine (ASUM) students held a free health check up day for everyone interested to know more about their body chemistry.

The tests were done on an empty stomach.

The tests were done by the

students with the help of volunteers, professors and even the dean of ASUM.

Among others, patients underwent the cholesterol test, to determine if they had 'good or bad' cholesterol. Also blood pressure, blood sugar level, vision test, hear-



ing test and much more.

Laboratorio Familiar assisted with the tests.

Needless to say, the future doctors did an excellent job.

"There will be another health fair next year so be active, healthy and walk 30 minutes a day," a spokesperson said.

By Gino Giannone
Medical student of All Saints University of Medicine



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The volunteers try and undertake all kinds of activities and actions to generate money and they sell great donkey stuff at

I would like to introduce myself to you. I am one of the donkeys of the Aruban Donkey Sanctuary. Years ago I just sauntered in. I was walking and saw quite a lot of donkeys walking around at the sanctuary. There was a small hole in the fence and I went inside.

In the beginning I was a little bit scared that I would be chased away, but the volunteers at the sanctuary are not like that. Because I have two large scars on my hind legs, they called me Scar. Easy for me, because I am easily recognized that way. But even without my scars I would be

the store. Sometimes very kind people adopt one of the donkeys to support the sanctuary.

And that is also why I am trying to find people who want to adopt me. I will still stay at the Donkey Sanctuary, but you just need to pay 30 Aruban florins per month for my upkeep. You help the sanctuary this way and me as well. You will receive a nice document and a fantastic tee-shirt. Can you call the Sanctuary please? The number is 593-2933.

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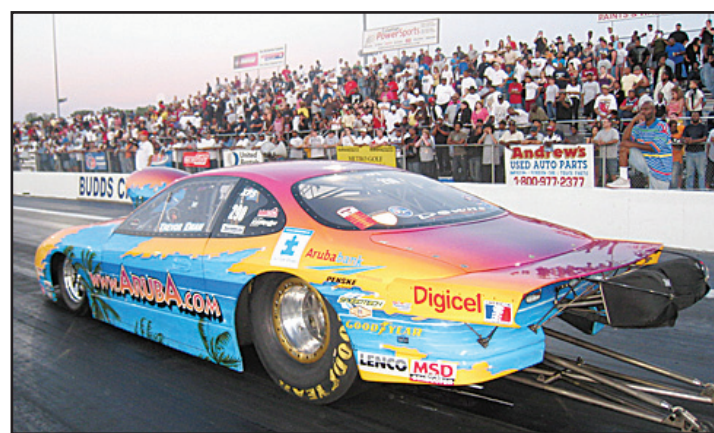
Season finale in Ennis excites Eman and Team Aruba

ENNIS, Texas – After wrapping up the final MMPSA race last weekend in Tulsa and crowing, “King of the Mountain,” the action packed race awarded Bob Berstch the Shootout honors, along with a trip for two to Aruba, thanks to Aruba Vacations! With the 2010 MMPSA season in the books, Team Aruba is looking ahead to this weekend, for the final ADRL race in Ennis, Texas at Texas Motorplex.

It's the Speedtech “Battle of the Belts” at the LenMar Motorsports Word Finals VI and once again, Tevor Eman and his crew are set to tackle the track, holding nothing back for one last chance to make waves. Not only does this race leave a lasting impression from this season, but the results will contribute to next year's early point standings.

“We have had an incredible year this season and are looking forward to leaving even more of a lasting impression next season,” Eman states. “We have really put together a great crew and we know that there are only great things in store for us in the future.”

There is no doubt that Team Aruba and the Digicel po-



wered Aruba.com Escort are locked in and focused on this weekend's World Finals.

In Texas, the weather forecast calls for temperatures in the high 70's to low 80's with a few isolated storms, something the drivers this season have been all too familiar with.

Catch all the action LIVE this weekend at www.adrl.us.

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Sony presses 'stop' on Walkman in Japan



TOKYO (AFP) – After three decades and more than 220 million units, Sony has stopped selling its Walkman cassette player in Japan, the company said Monday, admitting the gadget could not keep up in the digital age.

Cherished by a generation of joggers, school children and music fans since its launch in 1979, the Walkman revolutionised the way people listened to music but has since been overtaken by another icon of the modern era -- the iPod.

"The music-listening style of our customers has shifted so much to digital audio," Sony spokeswoman Hiroko Nakamura told AFP. "We have decided to end shipments because demand for the cassette-type Walkman has decreased."

Models on the company's Japanese website were marked "production completed".

The consumer electronics giant said that Chinese-made Walkman cassette players would still be exported to markets such as North America, Europe and Asia.

The July 1, 1979 rollout of the portable cassette player helped transform Sony into a global electronics powerhouse.

The Japanese giant sold 30,000 Walkmans in the first two months after its launch, and 50 million within a decade.

Three decades on, however, Sony has found itself struggling against rivals such as Apple, which has enjoyed immense success with its iPod music player.

Times have changed since Sony engineer Nobutoshi Kihara sketched out designs for the Walkman by hand.

"Back in my day, we had to draw product designs on paper," Kihara told AFP in an interview in 2006 after his retirement.

"I would close my eyes and imagine our products. I would imagine joggers with Walkmans to see how the hinges should move or how the products fit into the lives of the users."

Sony co-founder Masaru Ibuka came up with the idea for the gadget on one of his overseas trips, during which he used to listen to music on existing tape recorders that were too heavy to be considered truly portable.

The initial reaction to the Walkman was poor. Many retailers thought that a cassette player without a recording mechanism had little chance of success.

That changed, and today, including newer digital models that use flash memory, total sales of the Walkman have reached 385 million around the world.

Microsoft Windows 8 coming in 2012?

Microsoft is generally tight-lipped about its operating system releases, but its efforts to stay mum on the topic were apparently undermined by one of its own last week.

In an Oct. 22 blog post from Microsoft Netherlands, the writer noted: "Furthermore, Microsoft is on course for the next version of Windows. But it will take about two years before 'Windows 8' is on the market."

Apparently, the lines were written as an afterthought to a commemorative entry about Windows 7's first anniversary, but was picked up, translated, and posted yesterday by winrumors.com. CNet also posted a screen grab from the blog.

Sci-Tech

Adobe releases Air 2.5 with TV, tablet support

Adobe on Monday released Adobe Air 2.5, an updated set of development tools for TVs, tablets, smartphones, and desktop operating systems.

Adobe Air now supports apps for smartphones and tablets running the BlackBerry tablet OS, Android, iOS, and desktops running Windows, Mac, and Linux, Adobe said. Adobe released a version of Air for Android earlier this month, but that was only for Android 2.2.

The announcements were made at Adobe's Max worldwide developer conference. Also at the event, Research in Motion unveiled a new BlackBerry tablet OS SDK for Adobe Air that will let developers create apps for its upcoming BlackBerry PlayBook tablet. Samsung also said it will be the first TV manufacturer to integrate support for Adobe Air 2.5 in Samsung SmartTVs.

Acer, HTC, Motorola, RIM, Samsung and others are expected to ship devices like smartphones and tablets with the Air runtime pre-installed later this year and in early 2011, Adobe said.

Adobe Air lets developers use tool like Flash Professional CS5, Flash Builder, and Flex to build standalone applications. In addition to Air 2.5, Adobe also announced Adobe InMarket, a new app distribution platform.

"With the release of Air 2.5, more than 3 million Flash developers can now build a single game or application and easily deploy it across multiple application stores and devices," David Wadhvani, senior vice president of Creative and Interactive Solutions Business at

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Japanese joins the ranks of sequenced genomes

PARIS (AFP) – A Japanese has joined the elite club of humans whose genetic code has been fully sequenced, according to research unveiled on Sunday.

The unnamed male gave a sample of DNA which has been unravelled to show all three billion base pairs, or "letters" in the double-helix code for life.

Six other genomes are reported to have been fully sequenced since 2001.

They comprise the genomes of James Watson, who co-discovered the structure of DNA; Craig Venter, a US biotech tycoon; a male of the Yoruba ethnicity of western Africa; two Korean males; and a male of Han Chinese ethnicity.

The study, published online in the specialist journal Nature Genetics, is headed by Tatsuhiko Tsunoda of the Centre for Genomic Medicine in Yokohama.

An international research consortium has launched the so-called "Thousand Genomes Project" aimed at fully sequencing the genomes of 1,000 anonymous individuals and placing the data in the public domain.

The project aims at shedding light on genetic variations that can explain inherited vulnerability to disease, tailor drugs to individual needs and help explain the odyssey of human migration.

In email exchange with AFP, Tsunoda said he was cautious about making any early comparison between the Japanese and the other known genomes, as the seven sequencing projects used different methods to unravel the DNA and analyse it.

"More samples -- dozens -- would be necessary, which is our future plan," he said.

Tsunoda said his team were working on new ways to spot patterns of multiple variations in the gene code.

"In the future, we would be able to find (a) huge number of variations in individual genomes that should be related to many diseases," he said.

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Health & Living

Have a spooky, yet safe Halloween



Before you let your little goblins out of the home for trick-or-treating this year, make sure they're safe and prepared.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offers these Halloween safety suggestions:

- * Ensure that any accessories that resemble weapons (such as plastic swords) are flexible and short.

- * Make sure costumes fit properly to avoid trips and falls.

- * Instruct children to follow all traffic rules and stay on the sidewalk.

- * Don't let children trick-or-treat without an adult or group of other children.

- * Apply reflective tape to costumes and candy bags so drivers are able to see children. Kids also should carry

a flashlight.

- * Inspect children's candy before they eat it to make sure there are no choking or tampering hazards.

- * Put a limit on how much candy your child can eat.

- * Make sure your child understands to enter a home only if he or she knows the owner well.

- * Be sure your child wears a flame-retardant costume.

Arteries of obese kids aging prematurely: Study

The arteries of obese children have a degree of stiffness normally seen in adults with heart disease, according to a new study.

Canadian researchers evaluated 63 obese children, average age 13, and 55 normal weight children. The obese children had abnormal results on an ultrasound test of the

heart and blood vessels that measured how fast blood flowed through the body.

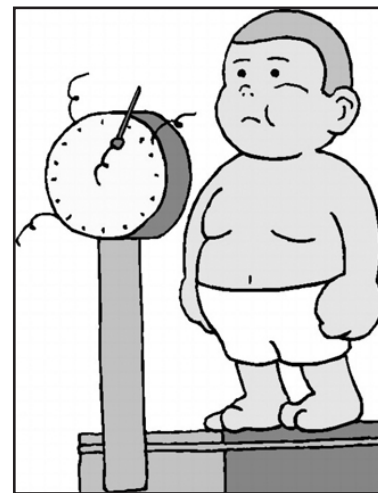
Of special note was stiffness of the aorta -- the body's largest artery, which carries oxygen-rich blood to all the other arteries.

"The normal aorta has elastic qualities that buffer the flow of blood. When that elasticity is lost, aortic stiffness results -- a sign of developing cardiovascular disease," said study author Dr. Kevin Harris, from BC Children's Hospital in Vancouver, in a Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada news release. "Aortic stiffness is associated with cardiovascular events and early death."

It's as if the aging process has been accelerated in the aortas of obese children, he added.

Future research should examine whether arterial stiffness in obese children can be reversed with treatment such as improved diet and exercise, Harris said.

The study findings, to be presented Monday at the



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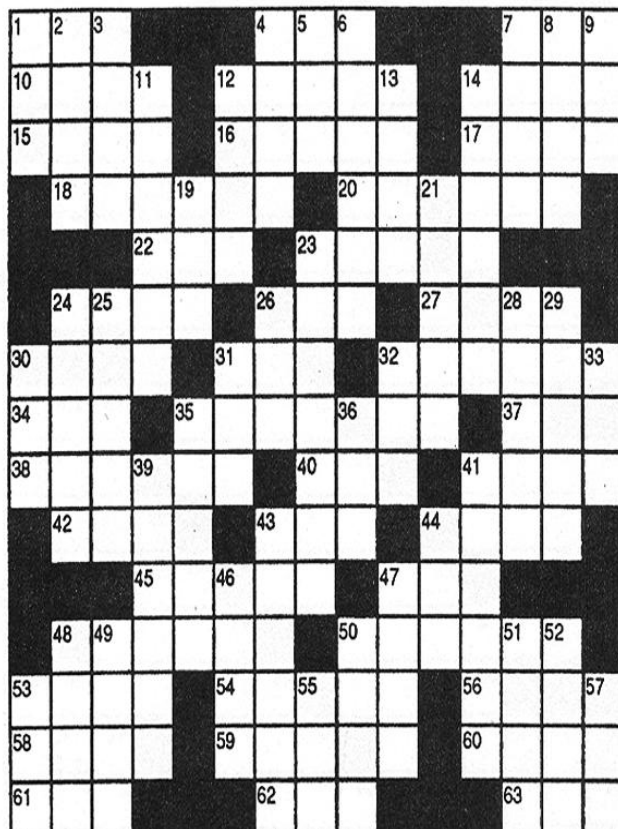


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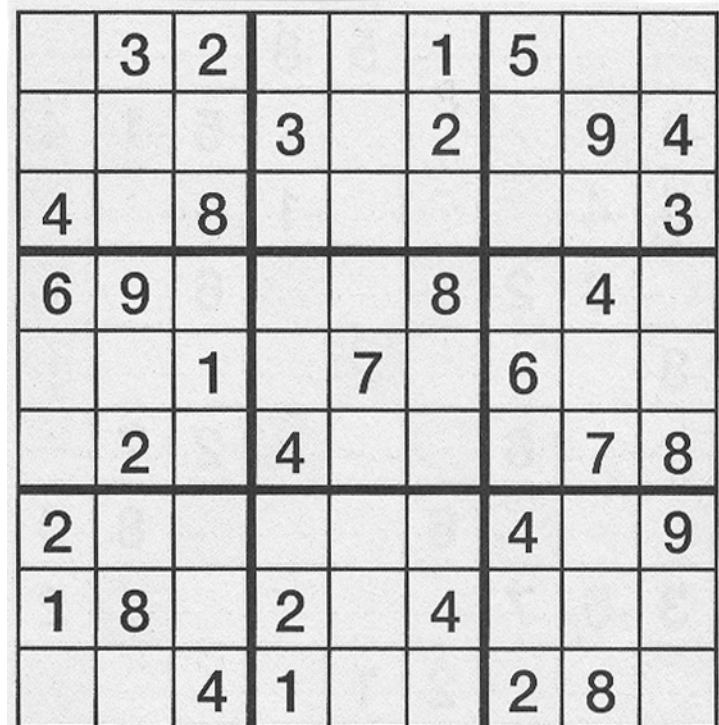
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Toyota suffers output, sales drop

TOKYO, Japan (AFP) — Japanese auto giant Toyota said yesterday its worldwide production suffered the first drop in a year in September on slower domestic sales and exports while its rivals reported robust growth.

The world's largest automaker, which has been battered by a global recall crisis that has affected more than 10 million vehicles worldwide, last week announced a further recall of 1.5 million vehicles to fix a brake problem.

The figures come as a report yesterday said the company was facing a near two billion dollar hit as it revises down its dollar forecast, with the greenback sitting at 15-year lows against the yen.

Toyota's worldwide production, excluding output by Daihatsu and Hino sub-



sidiaries, fell 1.3 percent from a year earlier to 672,604 units in September, marking the first year-on-year fall in 12 months.

Domestic production in Japan fell 1.4 percent from a year earlier to 305,853 units, the first drop in 11 months. Sales in Japan shrank for the first time in 14 months on the expiration of government incentives for buyers, falling 6.3 percent to 133,843 units.

Bernanke: Regulators reviewing foreclosure practices

WASHINGTON — U.S. banking regulators will issue a report next month on foreclosure practices at large financial institutions, following allegations that lenders cut corners to illegally evict homeowners, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said yesterday.

The review, which follows probes by all 50 state attorneys general and the Justice Department, adds further pressure to banks besieged by accusations that they failed to review fore-

closure documents properly or submitted false statements when they foreclosed on properties.

"We have been concerned about reported irregularities in foreclosure practices at a number of large financial institutions," Bernanke said. "We anticipate preliminary results of the review next month. We take violations of proper procedures seriously."

The controversy, which has drawn public outrage, has raised fears about bank earnings and the health of a fragile housing market, which has been battered by falling prices and foreclosures of nearly 3 million homes since January 2007.

Bernanke said Fed staff were in the process of evaluating these effects.

Evidence of impropriety triggered foreclosure moratoriums by some of the biggest U.S. lenders, though Bank of America and GMAC Mortgage have since retreated from these suspensions.

Chinese investment soars in Brazil, with eye on resources

SAO PAULO, Brazil (AFP) — Chinese investment in Brazil is expected to reach 30 billion dollars this year, according to observers -- a sum aimed at securing access to the Latin American nation's oil and other resources.

The inflow has been sudden, and dramatic.

"Up to the end of last year, the amount of Chinese investment in Brazil was tiny, less than 400 million dollars. Over the first half of 2010, it's gone over 20 billion dollars -- and it should hit 30 billion dollars this year," Charles Tang, head of the Brazil-China Chamber

of Commerce and Industry in Sao Paulo, told AFP.

Two-thirds of the total coming into Brazil this year will be invested in the oil sector, to which China has privileged access after extending a 10-billion-dollar credit line to Brazil's state-owned Petrobras, and after China's Sinopec bought the Brazilian subsidiary of Spain's Repsol for seven billion dollars.

"China is investing everywhere in the world to ensure it gets the strategic resources it needs. And Brazil, obviously, is important," Tang said.

In return, Brazil gets "capi-

tal for its growth and job-creation," he explained.

"China needs the mineral resources, oil and land that Brazil has in abundance," Tang added before predicting that the relationship between the two BRIC economies "has only just begun."

In 2009, China became Brazil's top trading partner, overtaking the United States. Bilateral exchanges topped 36 billion dollars last year.

This year, they will amount to even more, based on Brazilian central bank figures showing trade reached 35 billion dollars in just the first eight months of this year.

Brazilians spending more than ever abroad

BRASILIA, Brazil (AFP) — Brazilians are making the most of their booming economy and strong currency by spending a record 11.4 billion dollars during trips abroad so far this year, their central bank said yesterday.

That sum far outstripped the 7.5 billion they spent in the first nine months of last year.

September 2010 alone saw 1.6 billion dollars flowing out of the country -- a monthly figure unprecedented for the past 60 years.

While economic conditions are making the rest of the world look cheap to vacationing Brazilians, the outflow is

proving a concern for authorities who see it increasing the current account deficit, which has swelled three-fold so far this year to 35 billion dollars.

But money is also flowing into Brazil, which is seen as a beacon for investors.

Direct foreign investment this year has topped 22.6 billion dollars. And purchases of stocks and bonds between January and September has amounted to 32.2 billion dollars.

Foreign currency reserves at the central bank, meanwhile, have risen to 275.2 billion dollars, and total foreign debt is 243.8 billion dollars.

BP refuses to quit US over oil disaster

LONDON, England (AFP) — BP will not quit the United States over the Gulf of Mexico oil disaster that had "threatened the very existence" of the energy giant, its new chief executive Bob Dudley said here yesterday.

"I can promise you that I did not become chief executive of BP in order to walk away from the US. BP will not be quitting America," Dudley, who is a US national, told a conference of British business leaders in central London.

"There is so much at stake, both for BP and the United States. The US has major en-

ergy needs. BP is the largest producer of oil and gas in the country, and a vital contributor to fulfilling them."

The oil disaster was triggered by a blast on the Deepwater Horizon rig -- leased by BP and operated by Transocean Energy -- that killed 11 workers on April 20.

The broken well was eventually plugged but not before it gushed about 4.9 million barrels of oil into the Gulf waters. The spill destroyed hundreds of miles of fragile coastlines and caused BP's shares to collapse.

Saudi cabinet gives nod to nuclear pact with Russia

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AFP) — The Saudi government yesterday approved plans to establish a pact with Russia on peaceful nuclear cooperation, a government spokesman said.

It authorised the head of the new King Abdullah City for Nuclear and Renewable Energies to draft a pact with Moscow on nuclear cooperation, Information Minister Abdul Aziz Khoja told the official SPA news agency.

It was the latest sign of the world's largest oil supplier taking a strong interest in developing nuclear energy for domestic use.

In July, the cabinet gave the nod to a similar pact with France, which diplomats say is close to being ready for signing. That follows a 2008 nuclear cooperation agreement with the United States.

In April, the government announced the establishment of the center for research and development into nuclear and renewable energies, and named former commerce minister Hashem bin Abdullah Yamani as its head.

Plans are being drawn up to construct the center in the desert northwest of Riyadh, officials said at a water and electricity conference in early October.

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Linda and Ramon Pimienta with their son Raymond, at right

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For ten years The Old Fisherman has been serving local cuisine with an international twist for lunch and dinner and they have managed to stay on top by using high quality fresh ingredients. From their fish cakes with "funchi" (polenta) and "pan

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I'm not Obama, says Slovenia's first-ever black mayor

PIRAN (AFP) - Slovenian media have hailed him as the "Obama of Piran", but Peter Bossman, the country's first-ever black mayor, insists his political ambitions are more modest.

"I have no ambitions at a state level," says the 54-year-old doctor from Ghana, who was elected mayor of the small seaside town of Piran at the weekend.

"I've already told my patients I'll be back in my practice. I could not quit my medical career."

The national media are beside themselves after Bossman, a Social Democrat, beat the town's incumbent mayor, the independent Tomaz Gantar, in a close-run election on Sunday, winning 51.4 percent of the vote against Gantar's 48.4 percent.

"The Obama of Piran has won," said the daily Vecer, while another, Delo, described him as "a Slovenian star", where an election in a tiny town of just 15,000 inhabitants would normally not make the national headlines at all.

In a telephone interview with AFP, Bossman said his election "shows the high level of democracy reigning in Slovenia."

The son of a well-to-do family in Ghana -- his father was also a doctor and politician -- Bossman arrived in Ljubljana as medical student in 1977.

He originally wanted to return to Ghana after completing his studies, but he met and fell in love with his future wife, Karmen, a fellow stu-



Peter Bossman, center, a Ghana-born physician celebrates his electoral victory in Piran, Slovenia, late Sunday, Oct. 24, 2010. Slovenia has elected its first black mayor, an immigrant from Africa known as the 'Obama of Piran,' the town where he lives

dent in the nearby town of Porec in Croatia.

The two decided to settle in Piran, one of Slovenia's most beautiful seaside resorts, and have stayed there ever since, raising two daughters who are now both teenagers.

Bossman's political career dates back to his time in Ghana, where he was active within the pro-democracy movement that opposed the military regime in power following the 1966 coup.

He remained active when he came to Slovenia -- then part of Yugoslavia -- where he headed the African students' organisation.

Bossman learned to speak Slovenian and although he is now fluent to all intents and purposes, he still has an accent, a factor his rivals tried to use against him in the election campaign.

"I might never speak a 100-percent correct Slovenian, but I will work hard," Bossman told AFP.

In an interview in the Monday edition of Delo, he promised to seek additional lessons from one of his friends who was a teacher of Slovenian.

His skin colour is no problem, Bossman insists.

"After more than 20 years in Piran, people don't see me as a black doctor or a foreigner any more. They see me as a good doctor, a good man."

While he sees Piran as his home, Bossman still goes back to Ghana every couple of years to see his mother.

One of his election pledges is to improve the quality of life in Piran, Bossman says.

As a keen golfer, he has promised to open the way for the construction of a golf course in the area, despite protests from local environmentalists.

And Bossman -- who turns 55 next week -- insists he will not neglect his patients when he becomes mayor and will continue to work once a week in his private practice.

Jane Austen's novels heavily polished by editor: expert



Rice Portait of Jane Austen "The Rice Portait of Jane Austen" by British painter Ozias Humphry (1742-1810) is shown on display at Christie's auction house in New York.

LONDON (AFP) -- Jane Austen, one of the greatest novelists in English literature, had her work heavily edited to fix original manuscripts littered with spelling and grammatical mistakes, an expert said Saturday.

Professor Kathryn Sutherland studied 1,100 original handwritten pages of Austen's unpublished writings and concluded that her efforts had been polished to correct the errors.

"It's widely assumed that Austen was a perfect stylist -- her brother Henry famously said in 1818 that 'everything came finished from her pen' and commentators continue to share this view today," the Oxford University English literature academic said.

"The reputation of no other English novelist rests so firmly on this issue of style, on the

poise and emphasis of sentence and phrase, captured in precisely weighed punctuation."

"But in reading the manuscripts, it quickly becomes clear that this delicate precision is missing."

Sutherland said that Austen's unpublished manuscripts "unpick her reputation for perfection in various ways."

"We see blots, crossings out, messiness -- we see creation as it happens, and in Austen's case, we discover a powerful counter-grammatical way of writing. She broke most of the rules for writing good English," the academic added.

In particular, the "polished punctuation and epigrammatic style" typical of some of her novels is missing, suggesting someone else was "heavily involved" in editing her work, Sutherland said.

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In US debut, Icelandic filmmaker exposes grim organ trade



Director Baltasar Kormakur attends the 26 Films AFM party for the film "Inhale" at the Viceroy ...

LOS ANGELES, (AFP) - For his first movie outside his native Iceland, filmmaker Baltasar Kormakur plunged into "the most horrific world I've ever been in" -- that of the grim business of organ trafficking.

Not an obvious choice of subject, but the resulting movie "Inhale," which opened in North American cinemas this weekend, is a gripping no-holds-barred investigation of a truly terrifying trade.

The film, which fans say could make Kormakur Iceland's most famous export since Bjork, tells the story of an American couple ready to do anything to find a lung for their sick daughter.

To this end district attorney Paul and his wife Diane (played by Dermot Mulroney and Diane Kruger) travel from their comfortable Santa Fe home life to the Mexican border town of Juarez, in search of organs for sale.

Kormakur, whose work notably includes the 2000 film "101 Reykjavik" with

Victoria Abril, was offered the chance to make a film in the US after the success of his home-based movies here.

"I knew a little bit about the stories of organs trafficking, and it intrigued me," he said, recalling his love of thrillers like "Burning Mississippi" or "Witness", "movies that take you to a new world."

Travelling to Juarez, across the border from the Texan city of El Paso, "I saw the most horrific world I've ever been in," added the 44-year-old, who uses an almost documentary style to tell the story.

With a population of 1.4 million, the city is considered the most dangerous in Mexico. More than 2,500 people have been killed there this year, mostly in the war between police and drug traffickers.

"There was no way we could get the insurance to shoot down there so we had to recreate that world in El Paso," said the filmmaker.

Favre stress fracture again threatens streak



MINNEAPOLIS (AFP) - Minnesota quarterback Brett Favre has a stress fracture in his left ankle that could end his NFL record streak of 291 consecutive games started.

Vikings coach Brad Childress said Monday that an MRI revealed the ankle fracture as well as an "avulsion" fracture in Favre's heel bone. An avulsion fracture occurs when a fragment of bone is torn away by a tendon or ligament.

Favre had arthroscopic surgery on his ankle in May and received lubricating injections in the joint at the beginning of the season.

After coping with some soreness in the ankle this season, Favre hurt it as he was tackled from behind while throwing an interception in Sunday's 28-24 loss at Green Bay.

Favre, 41, was seen to limp during the game and after.

Childress wouldn't rule Favre out for Sunday, but said he'd decide based on Favre's likely effectiveness and not to preserve the streak.

"He's got to be able to do all the things that his position does," Childress said. "You can't put a guy that's a sitting duck out there. His competitive nature I'm sure will come into it. But a lot of times you've got to protect people from themselves."

Armstrong to finish international career Down Under



ADELAIDE, Australia (AFP) - Seven-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong will compete in Australia's Tour Down Under in January in what will be his

final professional race outside his native United States.

The 39-year-old will ride in the UCI ProTour race from January 16 to 23 for the third

China on top as Mitchell, Bouhail make history

ROTTERDAM (AFP) - Australia's Lauren Mitchell and France's Thomas Bouhail made history Sunday as China topped the medals table on the final day of the world gymnastics championships here.

Mitchell became the first Australian woman to win a world title as Bouhail gave France their first gold in modern gymnastics.

Zhang Chenglong and Feng Zhe added to China's haul by claiming two more titles to bring their total to four gold, but the tally was far from the nine achieved at the 2008 Beijing Games.

Nevertheless, Chinese coach Wang Hongwei expressed his satisfaction at the outcome as they build towards the 2012 London Games.

Zhang, 21, took gold on the horizontal bar while Feng, 23, won the parallel bars. They also helped China to team gold with Chen Yibing winning gold on the rings, as in total the Chinese men went home with six medals.



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FIFA asks newspaper for more evidence

ZURICH (AFP) - FIFA said on Monday that it had asked a British newspaper to provide more evidence for a probe into a World Cup scandal after it reported remarks by a former official about collusion between bidders.

"FIFA has immediately requested to receive all the documents and potential evidence that the newspaper has in relation to this matter, and will in any case analyse the material available," world football's governing body said in a statement.

The Sunday Times ran a report and video on Sunday by undercover journalists posing as lobbyists, which included reported remarks by ex-FIFA general secretary Michel Zen-Ruffinen about Spain-Portugal and Qatar's bids to host the World Cup in 2018 and 2022.

FIFA has vowed "zero tolerance" following earlier claims of vote selling in the race to host the events, provisionally suspending executive committee members Amos Adamu of Nigeria and Reynald Temarii representing Oceania last week pending a deeper investigation.

FIFA's ethics committee also said last Thursday that it was looking into a second set of allegations on deals between member associations and between their Bid Committees in the race to host 2018 and 2022.

Those could be illicit under world football's rule-

book.

The allegations have rocked FIFA, as the renewed spotlight on alleged impropriety among some of world football's decision makers revives memories of scandals in the 1990s and 2000s surrounding World Cup business.

"I am extremely distressed, it's true," said FIFA President Sepp Blatter in Germany over the weekend, after calling it "a sad day for football."

FIFA's ethic committee is due to meet again mid-November to complete its investigation and make its rulings.

Ethics committee chief Claudio Sulser told journalists last Thursday that The Sunday Times had already supplied some 90 minutes of video recordings and evidence that was used for its provisional decision on Temarii and Adamu.

Temarii, a FIFA vice president, insisted on his "perfect good faith" on Monday and said he was considering legal action against the newspaper.

Zen-Ruffinen told AFP he was taking advice over legal action after being secretly filmed by the undercover reporters posing as lobbyists for a communications agency allegedly working for the US bid.

He said they recruited him as a consultant to advise them on the World Cup race.

There is no suggestion of impropriety by the USA Bid.

Clijsters survives the cut to compete in Doha

DOHA (AFP) - US Open champion Kim Clijsters described how urgent was the operation which has prevented her from competing since defending the New York title six weeks ago.

Clijsters will try to win the WTA Championships, the women's tour's season-end tournament this week, still with a wound in the foot caused by the surgeon's knife.

"The dermatologist in Cincinnati wanted to have it

removed straightaway," she said. "I was like, 'whoa, I'm playing tomorrow. I have to play a game'."

"So I had one on the inside of my thigh removed and a mole underneath my right foot, which, you know, wasn't going to take that long."

"I still have a little bit of a cut. It's not bleeding or anything. It's closed, but there's a scab. It's good now. Doesn't hurt. But I'm glad it's over with."

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Legend Iverson nears Turkish move

ISTANBUL (AFP) - Basketball great Allen Iverson is set to sign for Turkish basketball side Besiktas according to a director of the club.

The 35-year-old - who starred for the Philadelphia 76ers for 10 years from 1996-2006 and was MVP in 2001 - is expected to fly to Istanbul in 10 days time and sign a one year contract with the option of extending it by a year according to Seref Yalcin.

"I am going to the United States on Friday for a final face to face meeting with him (Iverson)," Yalcin told Turkish agency DHA.

"Unless there is a massive difference of opinion, we think he will come to Istanbul

in 10 days.

"Our agreement is for a year with the option of extending it by another year. We have agreed wages of 1.5 million dollars for the first year, to which will be added a bonus of 300,000 dollars on his passing a medical after arriving in Istanbul," he added.

Iverson, who is 17th in the NBA all-time scoring list with 24,368 points, only played three matches last season for the Memphis Grizzlies before re-signing for Philadelphia.

However, despite joining them again his agent had mentioned in September that a Chinese club was interested in offering him a contract.

Kovalchuk scores in return to Devils' lineup

NEW YORK (AFP) - Michal Rozsival and Ryan Callahan scored second-period goals and the New York Rangers earned their third consecutive win by defeating Ilya Kovalchuk and the slumping New Jersey Devils 3-1.

Kovalchuk returned to New Jersey's lineup a night after he was benched by coach John MacLean for undisclosed reasons. The Russian is in the first year of

a 15-year, 100 million dollar contract with the Devils.

Kovalchuk cored with 5:52 remaining in Sunday's game to make it 2-1.

Kovalchuk was in the penalty box when Callahan scored the power-play goal that gave the Rangers a 2-0 lead. Both he and the coach say the matter that led to the benching has been resolved but neither would go into details.

Molina faces Giants in WS

When the Giants clinched the National League pennant on Saturday night, Bengie Molina's past and present converged, and in more ways than one.

The Rangers' 36-year-old catcher began the season with the Giants, his fourth in San Francisco. He was traded to the Rangers on June 30, in part because his numbers were down, in part because the Giants wanted to bolster the bullpen by adding Chris Ray, in part because a phenom named Buster Posey needed playing time.

Now with Texas, Molina is in the second World Series of his career, playing against the Giants club he was dealt from -- the same Giants franchise his Angels beat in seven games in the 2002 World Series.

According to the Elias Sports Bureau, no catcher has ever played in the World Series against a team he played for that same season.

"I don't really care who we play," Molina said on Friday, before the Giants clinched. "But I'll tell you, the Giants, I wish they could win, because I have a lot of friends and guys that I love over there. We were like brothers, so I wish them the best."

Molina will know what's coming when the World Series gets under way Wednesday in San Francisco, or he'll at least have a better idea than anyone else in the Rangers dugout. That could be a distinct advantage. Those Cy Youngs Tim Lincecum won in 2008 and 2009? Molina was his catcher.

"He's definitely molded me into a better pitcher," Lincecum said Wednesday. "He's the one calling the pitches and I'm the one agreeing, and obviously I get the last say and everything, but if it hadn't been for him



reading all the batters, knowing how the batters swing, he's a seasoned vet that knows a lot about every single guy that comes up."

The 79 saves Giants closer Brian Wilson notched in 2008 and 2009? Almost all Molina, too.

"Well-deserving for that guy," Wilson said Saturday after nailing down a five-out save in the Giants' 3-2 win over Philadelphia. "What a great character he was in the clubhouse. Professional catcher. He honed my skills to pitch."

"I'm happy for him, but now I'm going to have to get him out. That's my No. 1 priority, even though he's going to know what's coming."

Molina's second World Series appearance could mean a fifth World Series title for he and his brothers. Jose Molina won a ring as Bengie's backup on the 2002 Angels and another for the Yankees last season, and Yadier Molina was a world champ in 2006 with the Cardinals.

It's possible, even, that

Molina will take a World Series ring home no matter who wins. If the Giants win, no doubt they'd owe credit to the backstop who guided their pitching staff and tutored Posey. Molina is one of only three two-time winners of the "Willie Mac" Award as the Giants' most inspirational player.

"When I was with the Giants, I became a brother. I became a father, sometimes," Molina said after he was traded. "I became a guy who took aside a lot of the young kids and talked to them about not only baseball, but life itself."

Molina hit .257 with three home runs in 61 games for San Francisco this season, and hit .276 with 58 home runs in his combined three and half seasons there. When he was traded, Molina told the Texas media that he felt a shock, and understandably, a sense of unfamiliarity walking into a new clubhouse. He went on to hit .240 with a pair of home runs in 57 games for the Rangers.

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Workforce to run at Breeders Cup

LONDON (AFP) - Workforce will attempt to add the Breeders Cup Turf to his wins in the Epsom Derby and Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe - ground permitting, his connections confirmed on Monday.

Teddy Grimthorpe, racing manager to owner Prince Khalid Abdullah, explaining why Workforce had emerged as an intended runner at Churchill Downs on November 5, told At The Races: "He showed us on Saturday that he's in very good form both physically and mentally so we gave him the go-ahead."

Asked to elaborate on the decision to go to America, Grimthorpe added: "It was the way he's been after the Arc, the way he's gone, his general demeanour and obviously his work has been an important part of that as well."

Workforce put up a record-breaking performance to land the Derby but then flopped in the King George



Ryan Moore riding Workforce (L) on their way to win The Qatar Prix de l'arc de Triomphe from Nakayama Festa (R)

VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes, only to bounce back to his imperious best in the Arc at Longchamp at the start of this month.

The Sir Michael Stoute-trained three-year-old is as short as 6-5 favourite in the

ante-post market with one bookmaker to land the Turf in which Stoute is going for a three-timer after Conduit's wins in 2008 and 2009.

He also took the mile and a half prize with Kalanisi in 2000 and Pilsudski four years earlier.



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Fit-again trio boost India for New Zealand Tests

NEW DELHI (AFP) - India were on Monday boosted by the return of three key players for the three-Test home series against New Zealand starting next month.

Opener Gautam Gambhir, veteran batsman Venkatsai Laxman and seamer Ishant Sharma, who all missed the second Test against Australia in Bangalore due to injuries, were included in the 15-man squad.

Gambhir and Sharma suffered knee injuries, while Laxman was troubled by back spasms which he picked up during a match-winning 73 not out in the first Test in Mohali.

India enhanced their reputation as the world's top-ranked Test team by winning the first

match by one wicket and the second by seven wickets to sweep the short series 2-0.

The return of Gambhir and Laxman creates a selection headache -- albeit a nice one -- for the hosts ahead of the first Test against the Black Caps in Ahmedabad from November 4.

India's Test squad:

Mahendra Singh Dhoni (capt), Virender Sehwag (vice-capt), Gautam Gambhir, Murali Vijay, Rahul Dravid, Sachin Tendulkar, Venkatsai Laxman, Suresh Raina, Cheteshwar Pujara, Harbhajan Singh, Pragyan Ojha, Amit Mishra, Zaheer Khan, Ishant Sharma, Shanthakumaran Sreesanth.

Coach: Gary Kirsten (RSA).



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